(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been ordered in the matter;

(c) if so, what are the findings; and

(d) what are the reasons for not taking any action in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The allegations were enquired into by a committee constituted for the purpose and the same were found baseless.

(d) Does not arise.

Worn out telephone lines in cities of Uttar Pradesh

2391. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the length of worn out telephone lines in Lucknow, Kanpur, Allahabad, Agra, Varanasi, Meerut, Barielly and Aligarh till January, 1987; and

(b) what is the time likely to be taken to replace these lines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) & (b) The required information relating to Lucknow, Kanpur, Allahabad, Agra and Varanasi is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 110].

There are no worn out telephone lines at present in Meerut, Barielly and Aligarh.

Bronze from Tanjore Art Gallery for exhibition in Soviet Union and Sweden

2392. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether the National Museum of Delhi has proposed taking of Bronze from Tanjore Art Gallery and the Miniature painting from Saraswathi Mahal Library for the festival of India to be held in Soviet Union and Sweden?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): The National Museum, New Delhi have identified 3 Bronzes from Tanjore Art Gallery, Tanjore for the exhibition "Classical Indian Art" and 2 Paintings from the Saraswathi Mahal Library and have approached the Government of Tamil Nadu for the loan of these art objects for the Festival of India in Soviet Union.

For the Festival of India in Sweden, requests have been separately made to the Government of Tamil Nadu for the loan of 5 art objects from Tanjore Art Gallery.

Visit of Foreign Directors to National Archives

2393. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of Directors of foreign countries who visited National Archives during the last three years and with what purpose;

(b) what is the amount of foreign exchange involved in the above visits;

(c) whether any retired officer was sponsored to visit outside India to attend Seminars etc. ignoring the claims of better qualified officers; and

(d) if so, what is the name of the officer and the reasons for this sponsorship?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) A Statement is attached. (*See* below).

(b) *Nil.*

(c) Yes, but not ignoring the claims of better qualified officers.

(d) Shri Ranbir Kishore, a retired Chief of Repair & Conservation from

National Archives of India and presently holding a Senior Fellowship in the School of Archival Studies. The services of an expert of long-standing experience in conservation were required for *conducting* this regional seminar for participants of many West African countries, and not for merely attending this seminar. Shri Ranbir Kishore was the only one who was found compentent to handle this prestigious assignment.

Statement

Year	S.No.	Name of Directors with Countries	Purpose
1984	1	Mr. B. D. Dangol, Director, Nepal National Archives	Courtesy Call during a Private Visit.
	2	Mr. G. A. Sanati, Director, National Archives Orgsanisation of Iran	Do.
1985	1	Mrs. Zakiah Hanum Nor, Director General, National Archives of Malaysia	Do.
	2.(a)	Mr. G.A. Sanati, Director, National Archives Organisation of Iran,	For participation in South & West Asian Regional Branch of International Council on Archives (SWARBICA) Seminar on Conservation of Traditional Records.
	(b)	Mr G.P.S.H. de Silva, Director, National Archives of Sri Lanka	
	(c)	Mr. Atique Zafar Sheikh., Director, National Archives of Pakistan	
1986	1	Mrs. Zakiah Hanum Nor, Director General, National Archives of Malaysia	Courtesy Call during a Private visit.
	2	Dr. Melba da Costa, Director, Ajuda Library, Lisbon, Portugal.	Under Indo-Portuguese Cultural Exchange Programme.
	3	Mr. F. M. Vaganov, Head of Principal, Archives Administration under Council of Ministers of U.S.S.R. and Mr. A.G. Mitiakov, Head of Principal Archives Administration of Ukranian Republic of U.S.S.R.	Under Indo-U.S.S.R. Cultural Exchange Programme.
	4	Prof. Sc. D. Weidemann, Director, School of Asian Studies Humboldt University, Berlin, GDR.	Under Indo-GDR Cultural Exchange Programme.

20 सूत्री कार्यक्रमों में महिलाओं की स्थिति में सुधार

2394. **श्री सत्यपाल मलिक** : क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या 20 सूत्री कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत महिलाओं के संबंध में जो सूत्र रखा गया है उसे देश में, विशेष कर ग्रामीण क्षेत्र में महिलाओं की स्थिति को सुधारने के लिए पर्याप्त पाया गया है; और

(ख) इस सम्बन्ध में अभी तक क्रियान्वित किए गए कार्यक्रम का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में युवा कार्य और खेल तथा महिला और बाल विकास विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती मार्ग्रेट आल्वा) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) महिलाओं के लिए समानता लाने हेतु भारत सरकार के विभिन्न मंत्रालयों/विभागों द्वारा कार्यान्वित किए